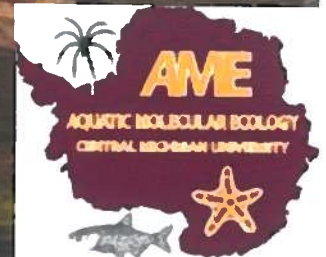
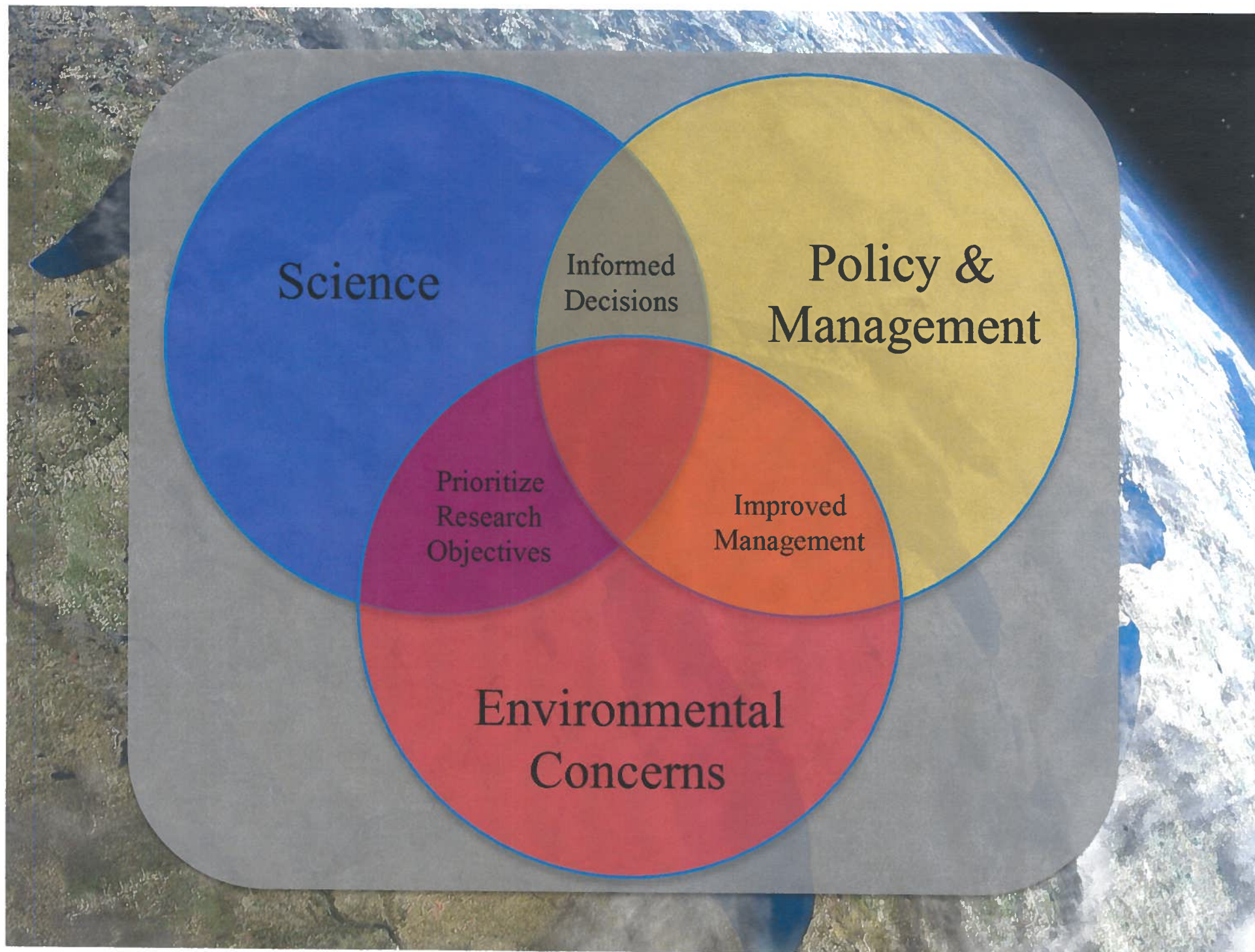


Using genetic and genomic environmental DNA tools for informing management about invasive species: Lessons learned from the Asian carp invasion

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Can we detect species at low abundance?

When faced with rare or elusive species, there are two alternatives to improving detection:

1. Increase effort

2. Change to more sensitive methods of detection

L.L. McDonald (2004) In *Sampling Rare or Elusive Species*



Not elusive!



Direct



Direct



Indirect

Asian carp

Bighead Carp

Dark blotches along the back (dorsal) region

Silver in color

No scales on head

No barbels on nose,
unlike common carp

Downward slanting
mouth (frown)

Low set eyes

Keel extends partway along belly



Silver Carp

Small scales

Silver in color

No scales on head

No barbels on nose,
unlike common carp

Downward slanting
mouth (frown)

Low set eyes

Keel extends to throat



Black Carp

Large scales

Darker color

No scales on head

Pointy shaped face

Teeth that look like human molars



The Asian carp invasion front: Spring 2009



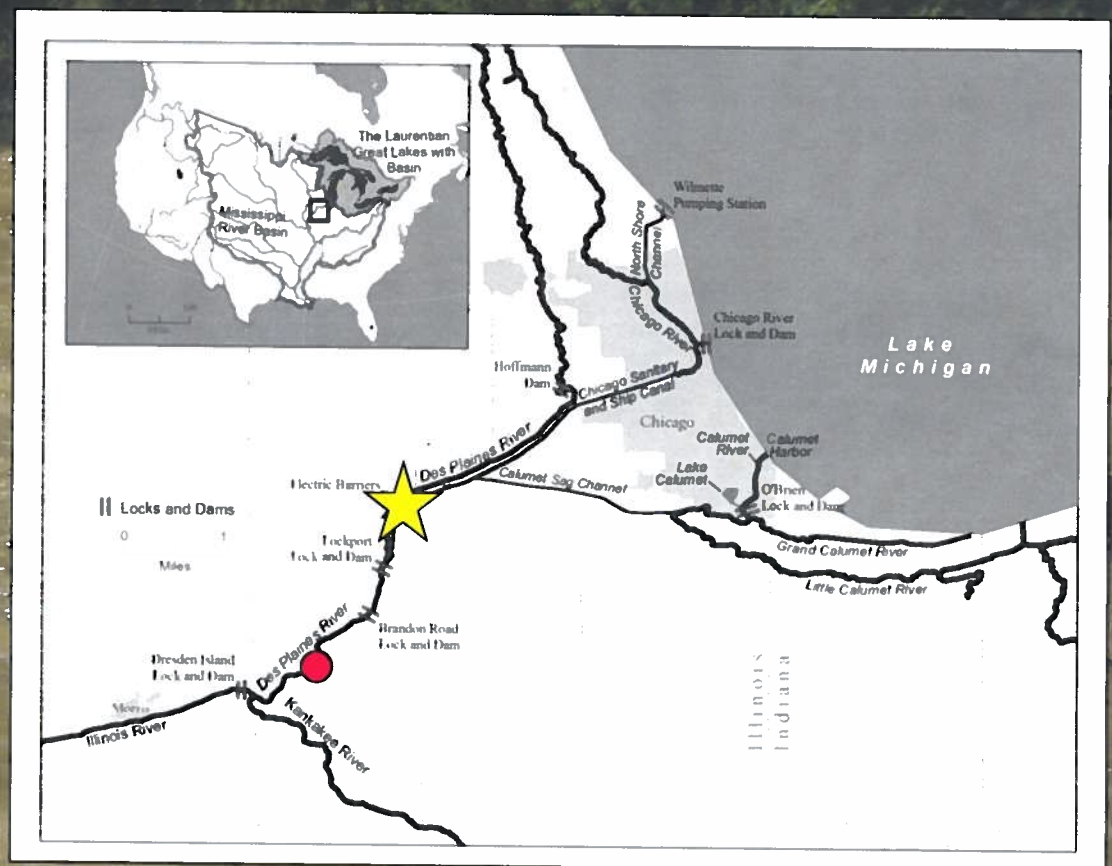
Bighead and silver carp captured
in Dresden Island Pool

Population densities drop
dramatically moving north

Nothing closer than 65 river
miles from Lake Michigan

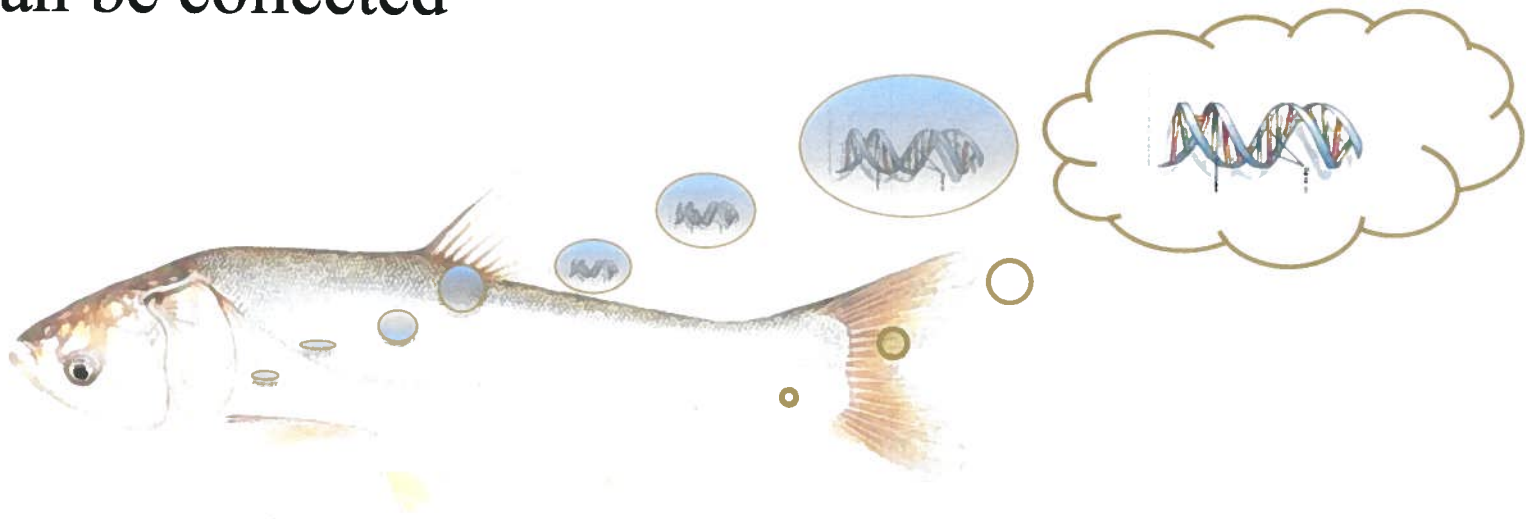
15 miles from the electric barrier

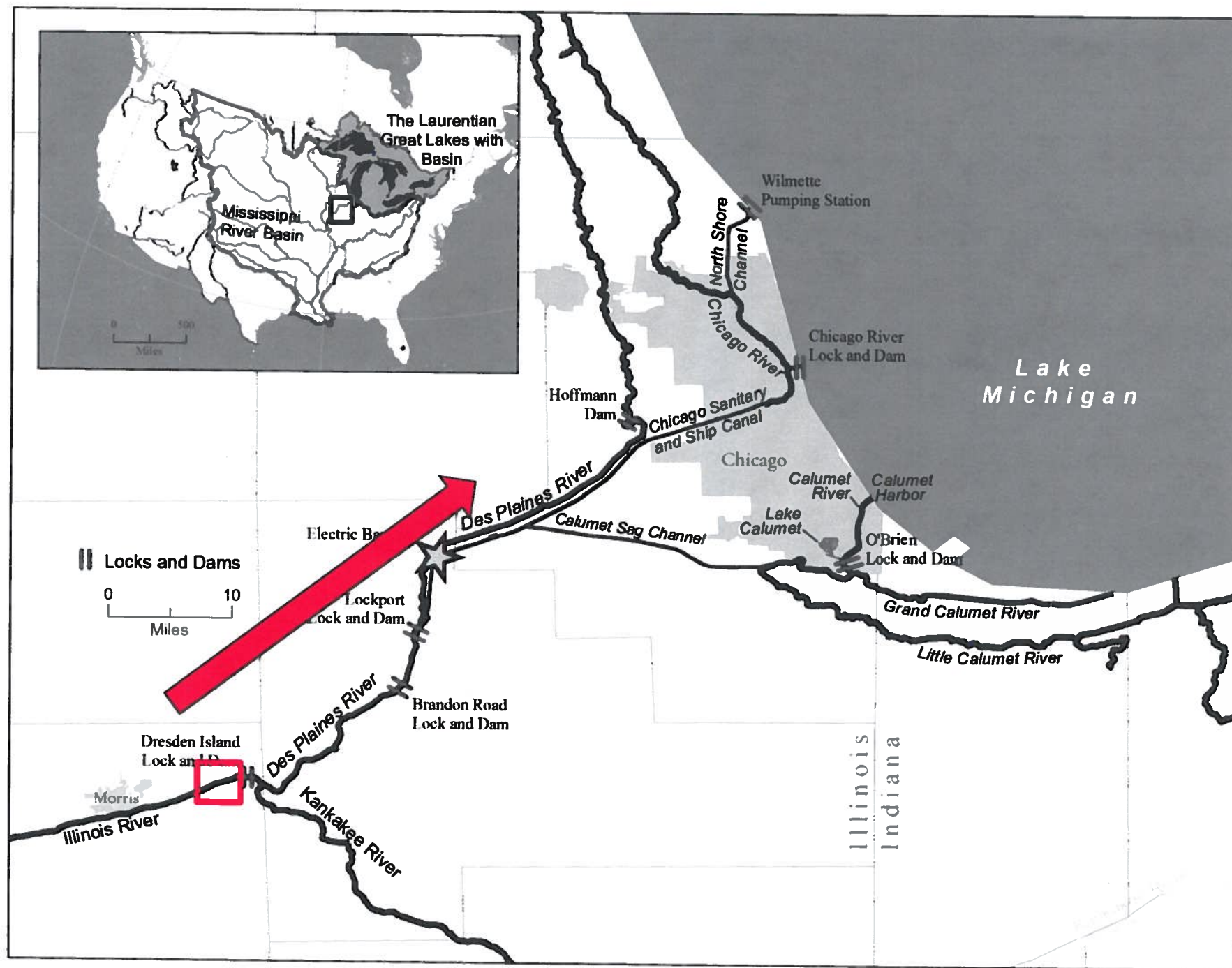
Few individuals = stalled
invasion



Better technology for detection?

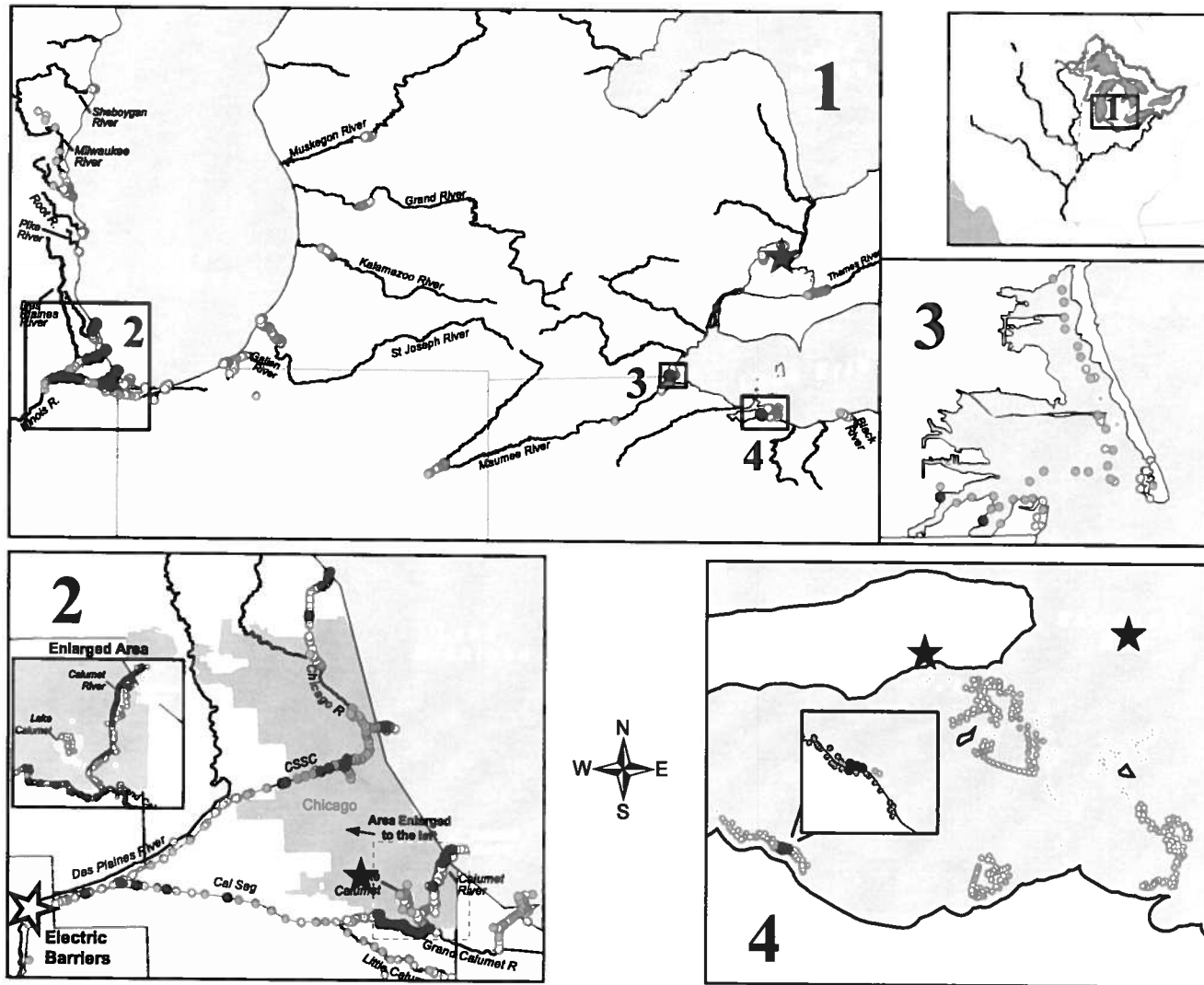
- All organisms naturally shed DNA in sloughed cells, mucus, epithelial cells in feces and urine, etc. into the environment
- These materials are carried in suspension in water and can be collected





2009-2011:

2822 samples collected and screened for bighead and silver carp



Jerde, Chadderton, **Mahon**, Renshaw, Corush, Budny, Mysorekar, Lodge. 2013. Detection of Asian carp DNA as part of a Great Lakes basin-wide surveillance program. *CJFAS*.

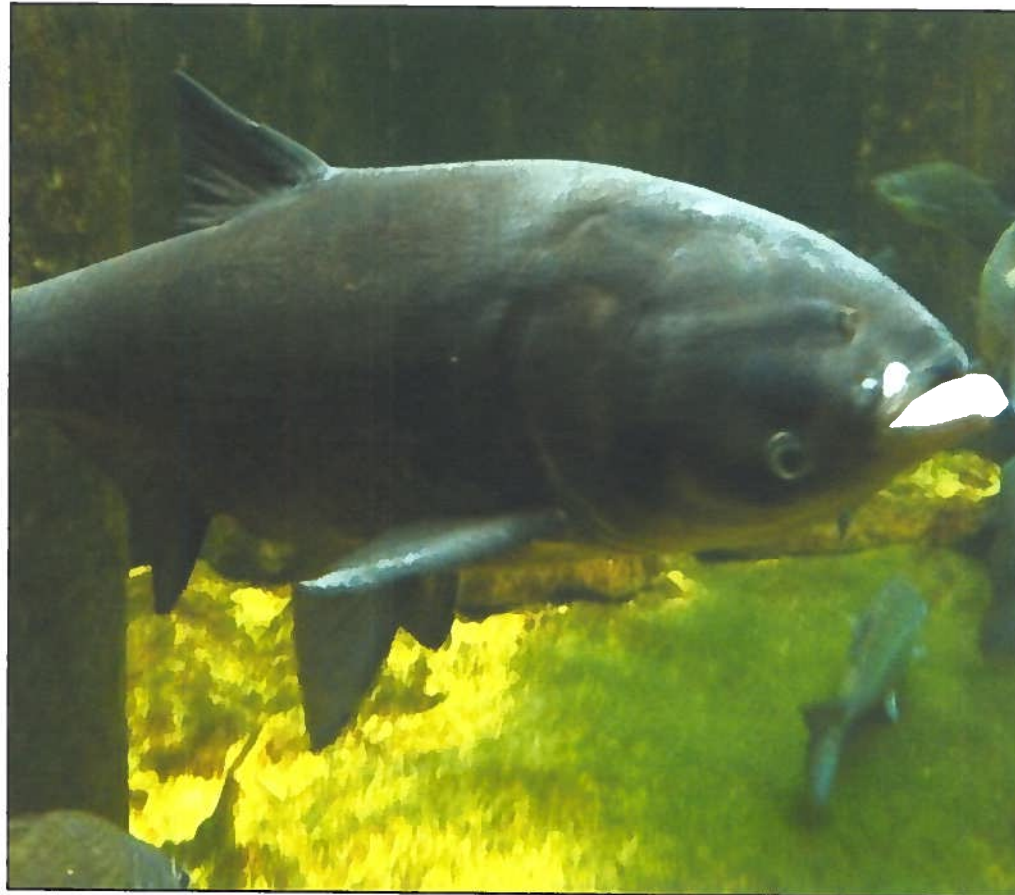
LETTER

“Sight-unseen” detection of rare aquatic species using environmental DNA

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NOTE

Surveillance of fish species

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PLOS one

Molecular Detection of Vertebrates in Stream Water: A Demonstration Using Rocky Mountain Tailed Frogs and Idaho Giant Salamanders

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INVASION NOTE

Something in the water: biosecurity monitoring

MOLECULAR ECOLOGY

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PLOS one

Estimation of Fish Biomass Using Environmental DNA

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Environmental DNA

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Monitoring endangered freshwater environmental DNA

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Investigating the Potential Use of Environmental DNA (eDNA) for Genetic Monitoring of Marine Mammals

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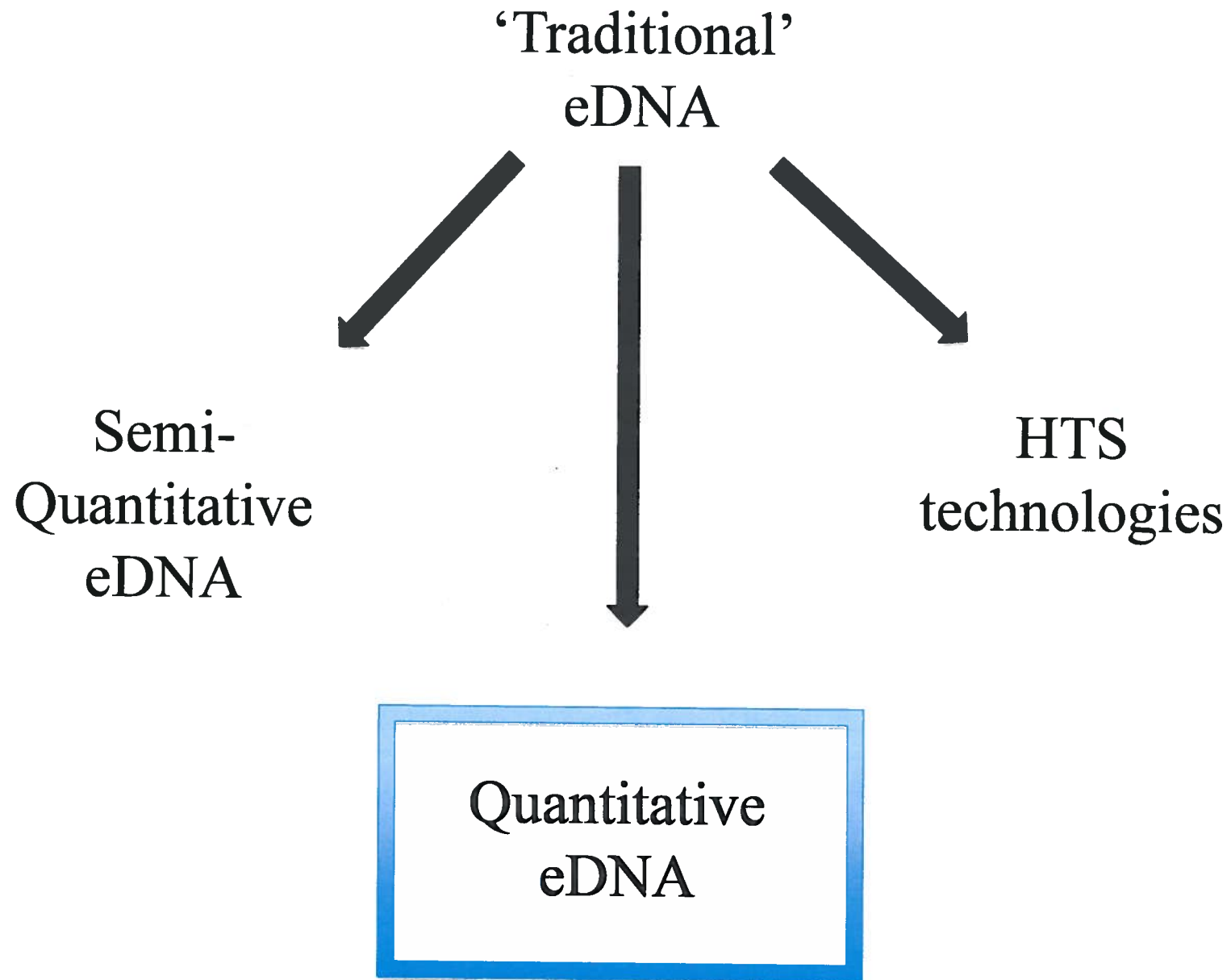
Initial findings from eDNA studies

- Environmental DNA technologies are rapid, accurate tools for surveillance in aquatic systems.
- EPA-GLRI projects: Any given sample can be screened with 14+ markers for AIS of interest
 - Not just for bighead and silver carp anymore...
- Questions remain...

Recurring questions....

- How many fish are out there?
- Can we move from qualitative analyses to more quantitative measures?

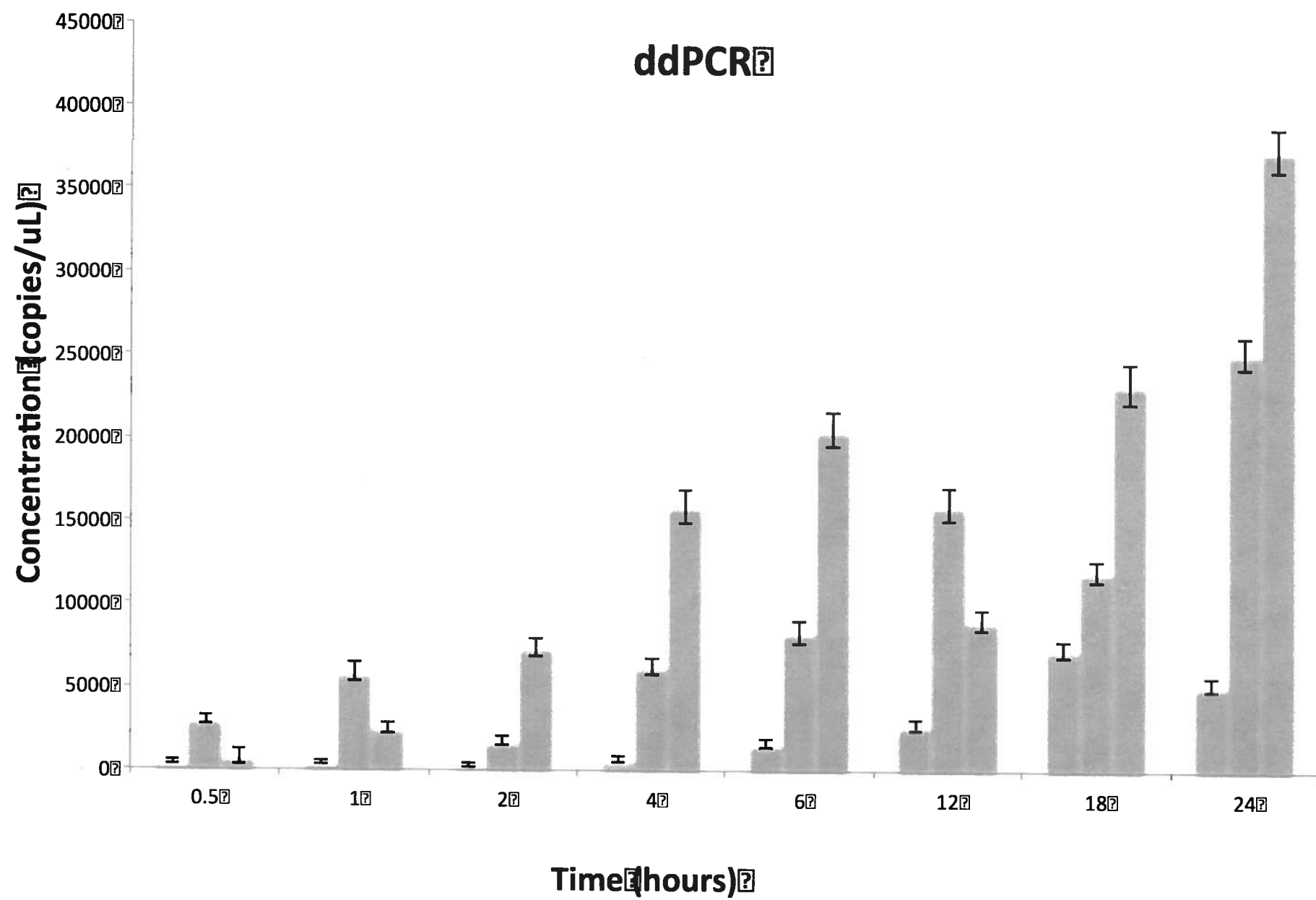




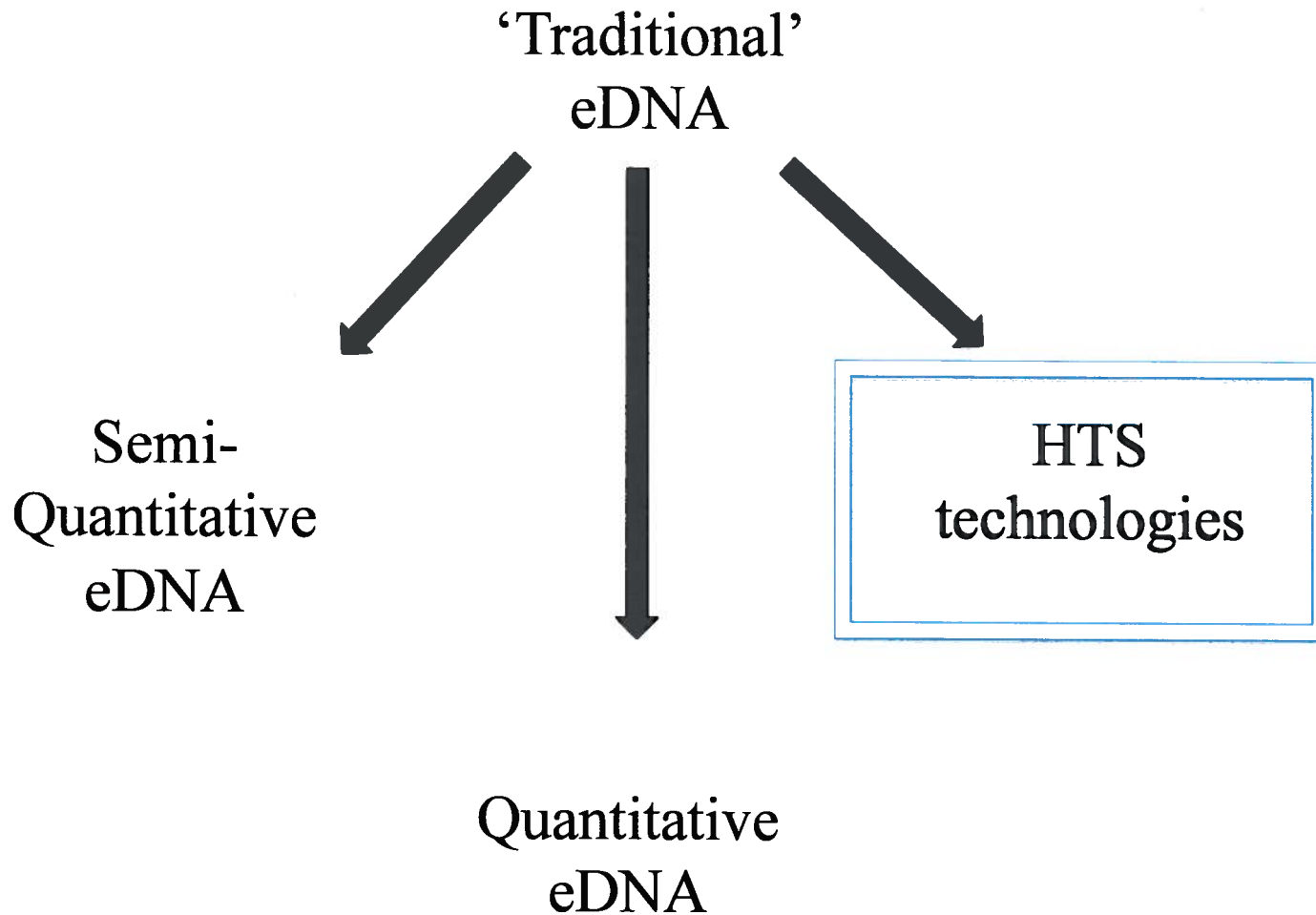
Quantitative eDNA: Digital Droplet PCR

- Physical count of target molecules
 - Greater sensitivity, particularly at lower concentrations
 - More rapid and accurate measure of target species DNA
 - Cheaper per sample!

ddPCR

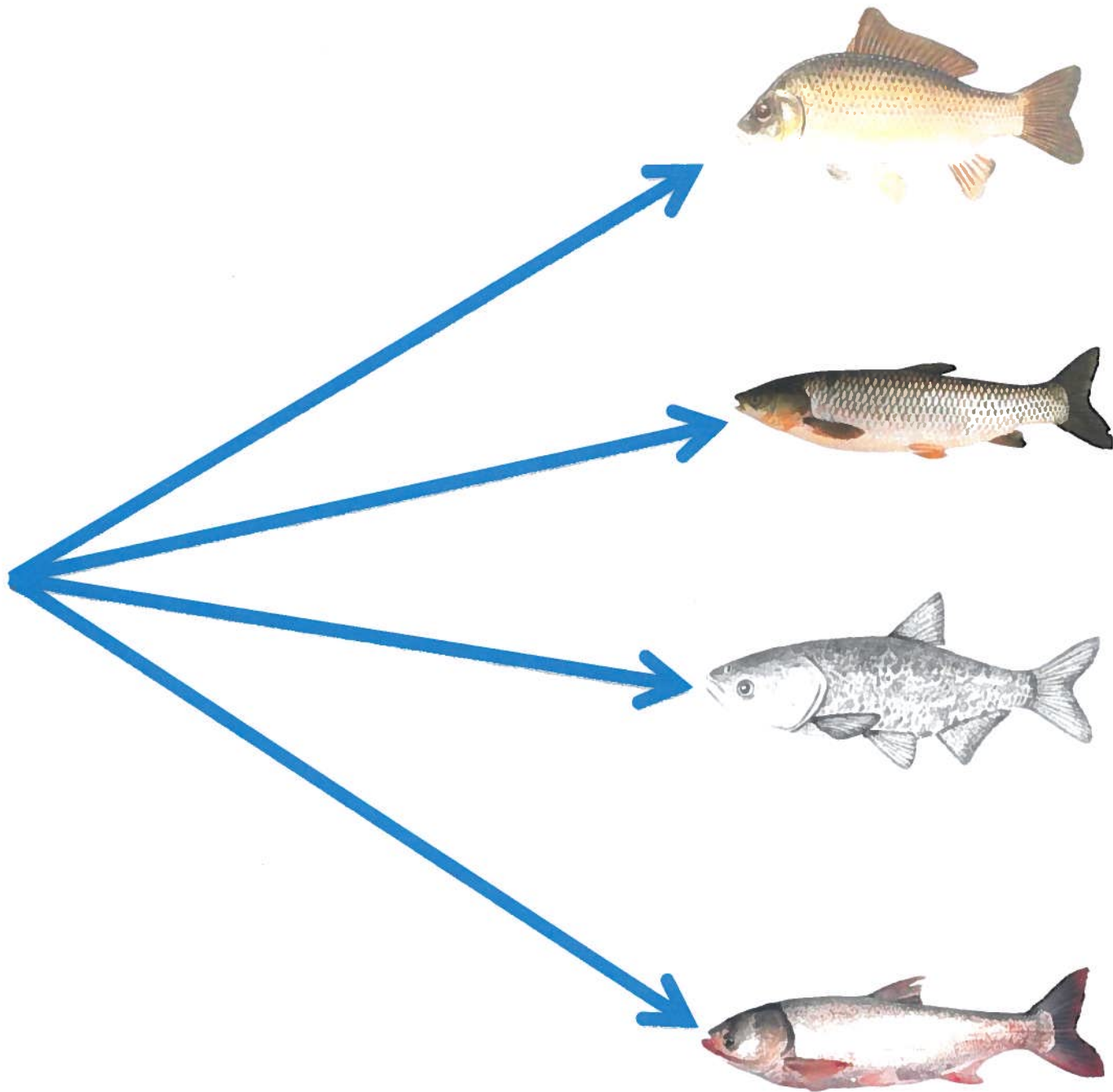
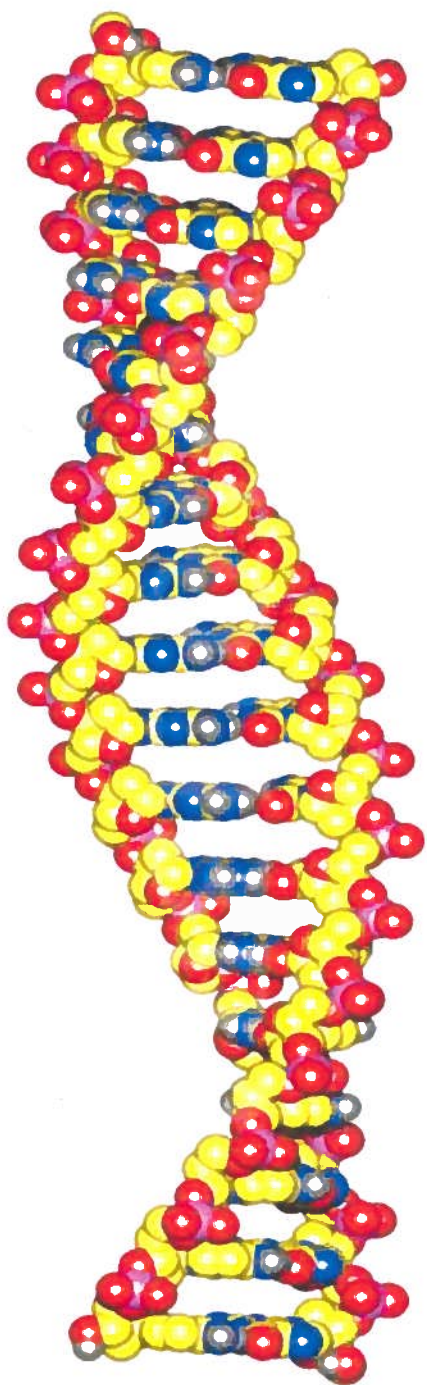


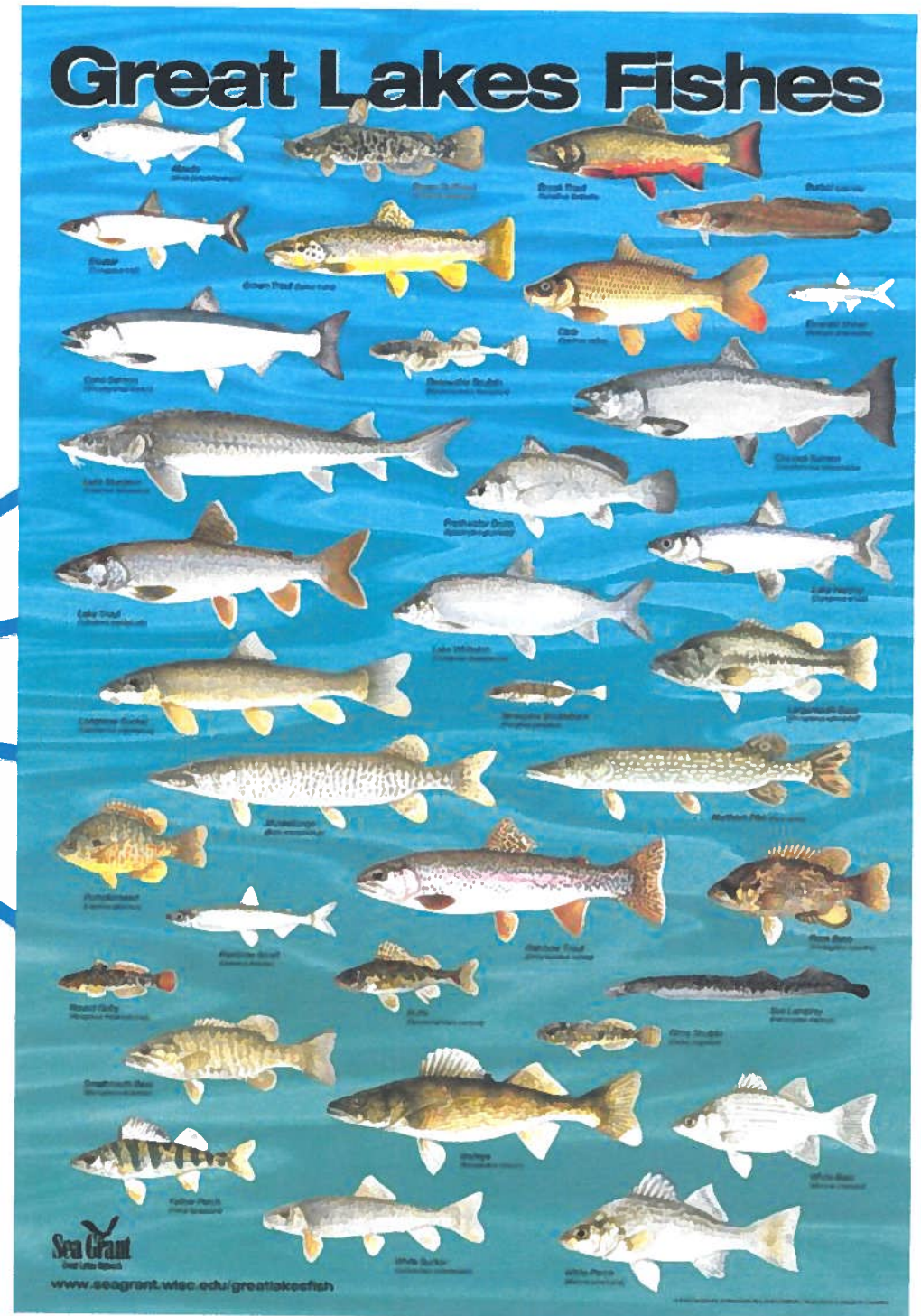
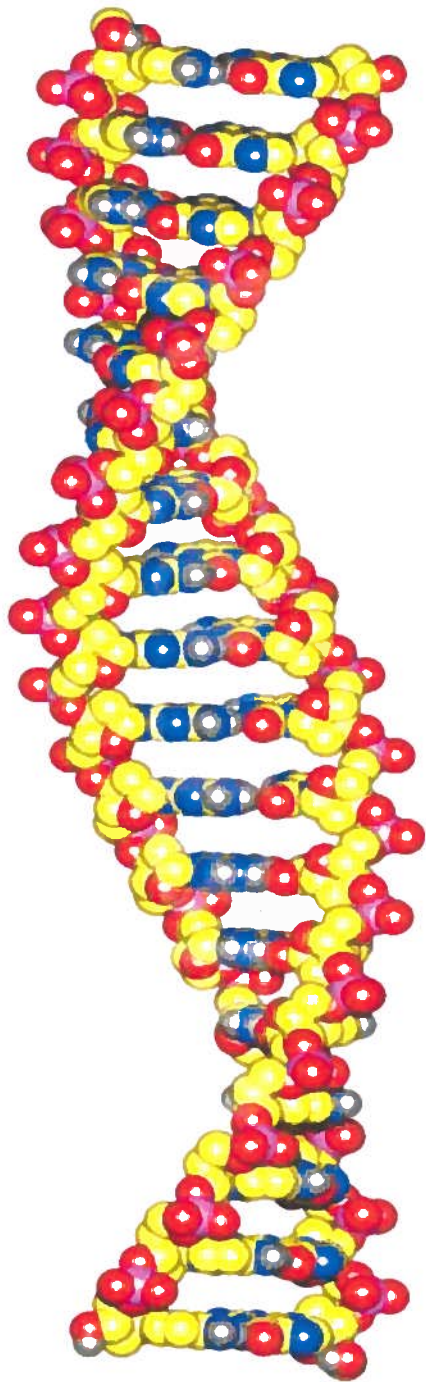
Even newer methods for eDNA surveillance



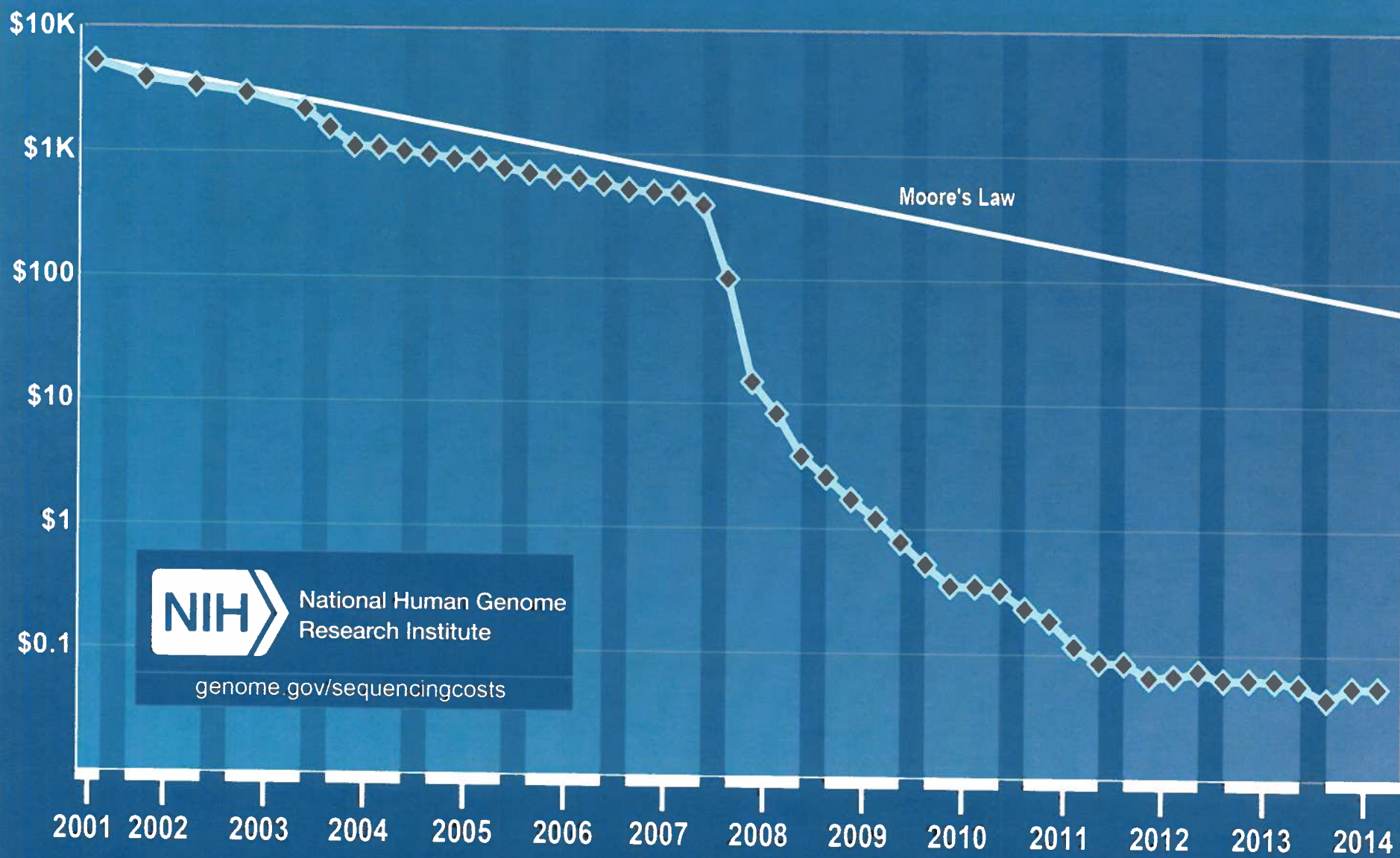
The future...

- High throughput (a.k.a. next generation) sequencing technologies
 - Instead of targeting individual species in a sample, why not sequence EVERYTHING to obtain total biodiversity and potentially estimate abundance?



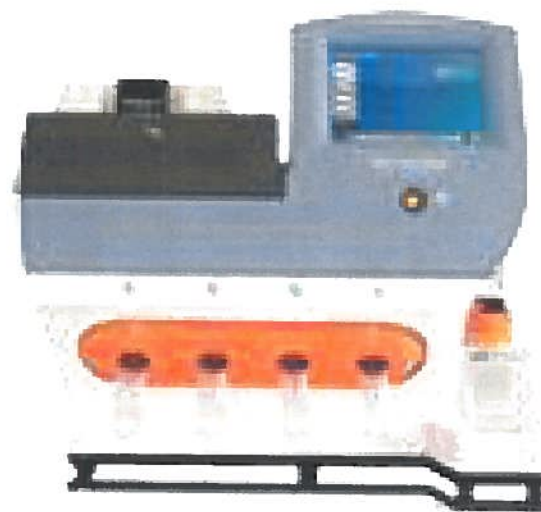


Cost per Raw Megabase of DNA Sequence





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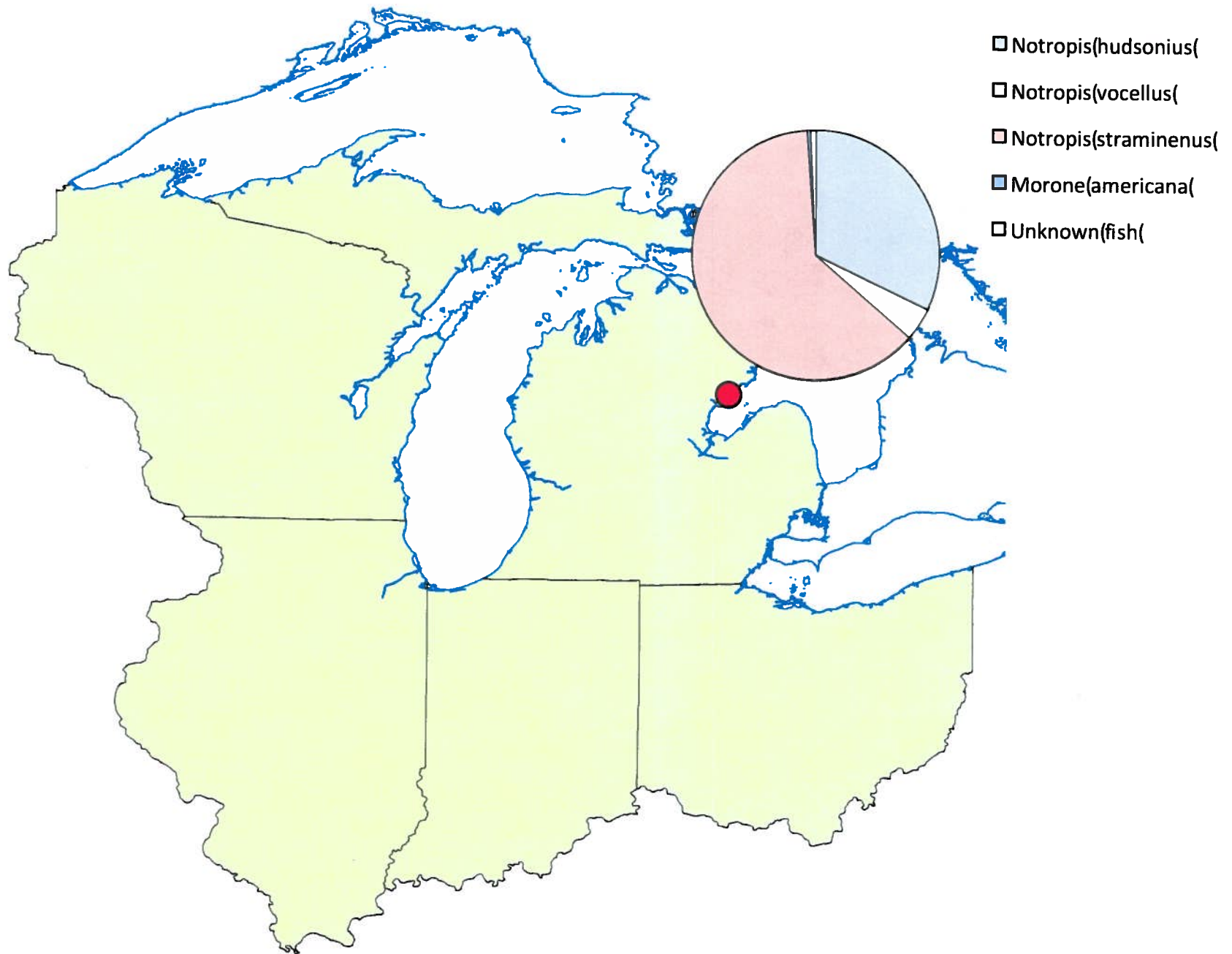


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Conclusions

- Asian carp are moving into the Great Lakes basin.
- Genetic/genomic surveillance is a valuable monitoring tool
 - Rare species in the environment
- New technologies constantly advancing

Final thought....

- Be proactive, rather than reactive with regards to invasive species. Use EVERY tool in the toolbox to help.





Great Lakes RESTORATION



- Chris Jerde, Lindsay Chadderton
- USFWS (GLRI), USEPA-GLRI and additional GLRI contracts through IL-DNR and-IN DNR

